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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) | |
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| TAKATOSHI HIROSE | ; | Examiner: John A. Follansbee |
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the following U.S. application, which is viewable electronically:

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner.

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